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AID SOUGHT FOR PLAYER WITH BROKEN LEG

Park Rangers club officials are organising aid for wing-half Frank Bedford, who sustained a broken leg in the match against Dandenong.

A function will be held for this purpose next Sunday, October 11, at 11 a.m., in the Rangers' club rooms at Middle Park. All friends and supporters are urged to attend. Those who find it impossible to do so, but who wish to help Frank, may send a donation to: Mr. J. H. Stephen, 87 Cobden Street, Kew; or to Mr. C. D. Harris, 241 Park Street, South Melbourne.

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Sunday's World Cup teams will be selected from:

SCOTLAND: Hilton, Jack, Alexander, Wemyss, McNeill, Thomas, Berry, Glennie, Lawrie, Balish, Bell, Cook, Beattie, Blackley, Copeland, Riach, Pollock.

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STAR'S LEG BROKEN IN CUP MATCH

Wilhelmina Loses de Bruyckere

Sjel de Bruyckere, generally regarded as one of the most accomplished footballers ever to play soccer in Victoria, suffered a broken leg in last Sunday's Dockerty Cup Semi-Final between Wilhelmina and Hakoah.

The accident occurred in the 25th minute.

About 15 yards inside his own half, de Bruyckere went into a ground slide to block the ball. Anderson, of Hakoah, coming through fast, appeared to play, unavoidably, both the ball and Sjel's outstretched leg, with tragic results.

After the broken shinbone was reset at St. Vincent's Hospital de Bruyckere was sent home in an ambulance.

The loss of de Bruyckere will prove to be a stunning blow to Wilhelmina in this year's finals, and, if it has the effect of forcing Sjel to retire, Victorian soccer as a whole will have suffered a major loss.

SYD THOMAS, who led Hakoah to victory over Wilhelmina last Sunday, and who will play for Scotland against Croatia tomorrow.

UPSETS CHANGE CUP FINALS

J.U.S.T.'s attractive win over Juventus in the replay of their drawn Dockerty Cup Quarter-final, and Hakoah's success over Wilhelmina in the first Cup semi-final were both surprise results.

J.U.S.T. has not been seen in such a splendid, crowd-pleasing performance since its memorable 4-all draw with Wilhelmina 'way back in April.

Even more to the credit of the winners was the fact that they came on from a seemingly hopeless position to take the lead and hold it to the end.

After Tomblyn had scored twice in the first 10 minutes for Juventus, it looked as though J.U.S.T. was in for its third thrashing by the Italian club this year.

But at 16 minutes, Beattie's low drive opened the score for J.U.S.T., and the game became a match.

Both sides played hard, fast football, with J.U.S.T. slightly quicker to the ball, and a shade better in control and distribution, with the result that Marinovic and Vollmer added two goals at 32 and 35 minutes, and these eventually proved to be the match-winners.

The second half was a scoreless but scorching thriller, with the defenders on both sides hurling themselves at every moving target with utter abandon to break up every attack.

J.U.S.T.'s display makes the result of today's semi-final with George Cross a wide-open affair. If J.U.S.T can repeat last week's effort, it stands a good chance of reaching the Final.

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WILHELMINA'S GOOD EFFORT

Despite the crushing blow to Wilhelmina when its mainspring, de Bruyckere, went out of the game last Sunday, the Dutchmen made a match of it and held their own until Ardner scored from Syd Thomas' breakaway and perfect centre at 65 minutes.

Hakoah's defence has seldom been seen to better advantage, and Hartley, Barker, and Alexander played beyond themselves to keep the fighting Dutchmen out of their goal-square.

Even after Peterson had scored twice at 77 and 80 minutes to make the score 3-0, Wilhelmina never stopped trying, and Luyten forced Barker to yield a penalty kick at 85 minutes to give the League champs their single goal.

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OTHER OVAL FOR FINAL MATCHES

The matches scheduled for the week-end of October 17 and 18 will not be played on the No. 1 Soccer Pitch at Olympic Park.

However, the Park Trustees have made the No. 2 Oval, behind the Velodrome, available for both days.

The fixtures for that week-end are as follows:

Saturday, October 17: Second Semi-Final of the State League Cup, George Cross v. Hakoah.

Sunday, October 18: World Cup, Final, Italy v. Scotland or Croatia.

Soccer will return to its normal No. 1 pitch on Sunday, October 25, for the Final of the State League Cup.

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This year, because of the congestion of Final fixtures, extra time of 15 minutes each way will be played when scores are equal at 90 minutes. If scores are still drawn after extra time, a replay will be necessary.

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We hear some talk about a 3-day training and coaching camp for juniors, planned for the Australia Day Weekend next January, at the National Fitness Council's spread at Anglesea. Good news for the young 'un's.

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There have been Summit talks between Hellenic and Yarra Park, and we understand that all details of the amalgation have been worked out. It remains only to make the union official with the Association.

TODAY

(Olympic Park, Saturday)

DOCKERTY CUP

Semi-Final

George Cross v. J.U.S.T

ARMSTRONG CUP

Semi-Final
(1 p.m.)

Footscray v. Polonia

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Melbourne v. South Yarra
Richmond v. Brighton
Dandenong v. South Melbourne

TOMORROW

(Olympic Park, Sunday)

LAIDLAW WORLD CUP

Semi-Final
(3 p.m.)

Scotland v. Croatia

ARMSTRONG CUP

Semi-Final
(1 p.m.)

Hakoah v. Wilhelmina

NEXT WEEK

Saturday:

DOCKERTY CUP FINAL

Hakoah v. George Cross or J.U.S.T

Sunday:

STATE LEAGUE CUP

Semi-Final

Juventus v. Wilhelmina

LAST WEEK

DOCKERTY CUP

J.U.S.T. d. Juventus, 3-2.
Hakoah d. Wilhelmina 3-1.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Hakoah d. J.U.S.T. 7-2.

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Croatia d. Lions/Hayduk, 3-1.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Melbourne d. Richmond, 3-0.
Dandenong d. Park Rangers, 4-2.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Moonee Ponds d. Fairfield, 6-2.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Bendigo d. Trident, 3-1.

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STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	Goals A.	P.
Wilhelmina	22	17	2	3	86	40	36
George Cross	22	14	5	3	57	26	33
Juventus	22	14	4	4	49	22	32
Hakoah	21	14	2	5	49	27	30
Slavia	22	12	5	5	49	28	29
Polonia	22	8	7	7	37	31	23
Moreland	21	8	2	11	54	38	18
J.U.S.T.	22	6	6	10	50	44	18
Box Hill	22	6	3	13	24	53	15
Footscray	22	3	7	12	31	65	13
Geelong	22	3	5	14	28	55	11
Yarra Park	22	1	2	19	27	112	4

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Croatia	18	14	3	2	81	22	30
Preston	18	14	3	3	62	19	30
Lions-Hayduk	18	13	1	4	66	19	27
Sunshine City	18	9	1	8	35	32	19
Sicilia	18	7	3	8	44	32	17
Maccabi	18	7	2	9	35	47	16
Coric	18	7	1	10	23	41	15
Coburg	18	5	4	9	30	38	14
Hellenic	18	5	2	11	31	41	12
Brunswick	18	0	0	18	9	135	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Moonee Ponds	18	14	1	3	51	21	29
Fiorentina	18	12	4	2	50	16	28
University	18	10	4	4	49	31	24
Essendon	18	9	0	9	30	42	18
Fairfield	18	6	5	8	37	37	15
St. Albans	18	7	1	10	34	39	15
Williamstown	18	6	2	10	25	38	14
Collingwood	18	5	3	11	40	41	13
I.C.I.	18	5	3	10	36	52	13
Heidelberg	18	4	3	11	26	61	11

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Noriane Olymp.	18	13	3	2	55	26	29
North Richmond	18	11	6	1	63	26	28
Seymour	18	12	3	3	48	21	27
Makedonia	18	10	2	6	34	27	22
Trident	18	8	5	5	38	34	21
Olympia	18	8	2	8	39	33	18
Bendigo	18	4	5	9	31	43	13
Melita	18	5	2	11	26	48	12
Hollandia	18	4	1	13	35	56	9
Yarraville	18	0	1	17	3	59	1

TABLES COMPILED
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SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Melbourne	17	16	1	0	94	19	33
Richmond	17	12	1	4	67	20	25
Yallourn	17	12	1	4	63	35	25
South Melbourne	17	11	2	4	47	24	24
Brighton	17	9	2	6	39	30	20
Dandenong	17	8	1	8	55	48	17
South Yarra	17	4	1	12	26	61	9
Prahran	18	3	2	13	23	71	8
Park Rangers	18	3	0	15	30	87	6
Vic. Police	17	1	3	13	21	79	5

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Sandringham	18	14	3	1	53	29	31
Austria	18	11	3	4	61	39	25
Frankston	18	10	3	5	57	35	23
Bayswater	18	7	3	8	36	45	17
Oakleigh	18	6	4	8	24	15	16
Rosebud	18	8	0	10	40	45	16
Ferntree Gully	18	7	0	11	46	36	14
Moorabbin	18	5	4	9	36	54	14
F.N.D.	18	6	2	10	34	61	14
Croydon	18	5	0	13	34	62	10

League Completed.

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Wilhelmina	22	17	2	3	89	23	36
Hakoah	21	17	2	2	65	24	36
Polonia	21	13	4	5	30	22	28
Juventus	20	11	2	7	50	31	24
Geelong	21	11	1	9	37	25	23
J.U.S.T.	21	10	1	10	62	36	21
Moreland	21	8	5	8	33	31	21
Box Hill	19	9	1	9	40	40	19
Footscray	20	7	1	12	29	45	15
George Cross	21	6	3	12	26	49	15
Slavia	21	4	3	14	31	50	11
Yarra Park	22	0	1	21	3	83	1

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Lions-Hayduk	18	13	2	3	55	21	28
Sunshine City	18	12	3	3	48	21	27
Fiorentina	18	12	2	4	57	29	26
Frankston	18	10	3	5	54	35	23
Preston	18	8	4	6	52	32	20
Coburg	18	8	4	6	36	27	20
Maccabi	18	8	2	8	58	41	18
Hellenic	18	5	1	12	30	57	11
Sandringham	18	3	0	15	20	59	6
University	18	0	1	17	8	83	1

League Completed.

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Richmond	18	15	2	1	71	21	32
Melbourne	18	15	1	2	83	23	31
Dandenong	18	10	3	5	44	33	23
Park Rangers	18	11	1	6	39	35	23
Brighton	18	9	2	7	37	33	20
Yallourn	18	6	6	6	39	49	18
South Melbourne	18	7	1	10	35	47	15
South Yarra	18	5	2	11	29	52	12
Prahran	18	3	0	15	17	101	6

League Completed.

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SCOTLAND TO TEST CROATIA IN WORLD CUP SEMI

Scotland meets Croatia, champion of the First Division North and surprise conqueror of Hungary and Yugoslavia in the second World Cup Semi-final this week-end, and the winner will face Italy in the Final on October 18.

Facing a team of experienced and able State Leaguers, this will be a severe test for Croatia, with Scotland a hot favourite to reach the final.

Every player in Scotland's short-list is capable of fast, robust, and constructive football, and Croatia's team could be looking for a place to sit down after 65 minutes.

But Croatia's three unexpected wins —two against Hungary and the other against Yugoslavia—are not forgotten.

The four Bolting Bills are again expected to man Scotland's front line —Bill Bell, Bill Cook, Bill Blackley, and Bill Copeland—with Alex Beattie in the middle.

Footscray's saviour, Bob Wemyss, is also expected to play, and we hope that arrangements will be made for the Galloping Glaswegian to take a bow in front of the stand.

Whatever the result, this match will be a rousing crowd-pleaser.

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George Cross left-winger BILL COPELAND, seen here heading a sharply angled goal, will play for Scotland in Sunday's World Cup Semi-Final.

BOX HILL WINS F.N.D. TROPHY

Box Hill narrowly defeated Moreland in the final match of F.N.D.'s lightning soccer carnival last Sunday.

Sixty-odd teams competed in the 20-minute knock-out matches, which were played simultaneously on eight pitches.

A points system of scoring was used—4 points for a goal, 1 point for a corner. The score in the final match was: Box Hill, 10 points (2 goals 2 corners); Moreland, 9 points (2 goals 1 corner).

The F.N.D. organisers and hosts spared no effort to make it a grand day for the hundreds of visitors. A mobile canteen was kept busy dispensing sandwiches, cakes and coffee, and the bar was thrown open to the players and their families at 4.30 p.m.

This could become a popular annual fixture.

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How many fans recognised the veteran playing with Hakoah's Reserves at Olympic Park against J.U.S.T. last Saturday? None other than Happy Harry Sutherland, the Englishman whose belting boots once earned him the title "Hanappi of Victorian soccer".

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METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Croatia beat the Lions again to nose Preston out of the championship on goal percentage and become eligible for promotion to the State League.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

After beating Richmond 3-0, undefeated Melbourne will win the championship with a margin of 8 points, and will have scored nearly 6 goals per match to finish with a goal average of 5 to 1.

Park Rangers failed again against Dandenong and will be relegated.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Moonee Ponds won the championship with a convincing 6-2 win over Fairfield, and will be promoted with Fiorentina.

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

This league was completed on September 19 with Sandringham and Austria eligible for promotion.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

By losing to Bendigo, Trident lost its chance for promotion. Even if Trident wins a protest which is pending against Olympia, the single point gained would not be sufficient to displace Makedonia, which is now in line for promotion with Norlane, North Richmond, and Seymour.

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GEELONG DISTRICT A.S.F.A.

Scottish won the championship when it beat British 3-1 in the last and deciding game.

The NEW WORLD CUP series starts this week-end for the fourth year.

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The Junior Committee will now accept entries for the 1960 Junior Competitions in Under 12, 14, 16 and 18 age groups and it is proposed to form an Under 10 age group competition, providing enough entries are received. It is also proposed to form district competitions in the lower age groups to avoid excessive travelling.

Any club intending to enter teams for the 1960 season are requested to contact the Junior Secretary, J. P. Threlfall, 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine, W.20, or Mr. Len. Young, Olympic Park (BM 5309) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on week days.

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